

Senate, March 31, 1998. The Committee on Environment reported through SEN. DAILY, 33rd DIST., Chairman of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING WATER CONSERVATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (a) There is established a task  
2 force to study and evaluate the general statutes  
3 regarding conservation of the state's potable  
4 water supplies. The task force shall study the  
5 need for implementation of basic water resource  
6 and supply management measures, to assure  
7 efficient system operation and water use, through  
8 the use of any necessary measures including, but  
9 not limited to: (1) Annual water system  
10 evaluations; (2) source metering; (3) customer  
11 metering; and (4) leak detection and repair  
12 programs.

13 (b) The task force shall consist of the  
14 following members:

15 (1) The chairmen and ranking members of the  
16 joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
17 having cognizance of matters relating to the  
18 environment;

19 (2) The Commissioner of Environmental  
20 Protection, or his designee;

21 (3) The Commissioner of Public Health, or his  
22 designee;

23 (4) The Commissioner of Public Utility  
24 Control, or his designee;

25 (5) The Commissioner of the Office of Policy  
26 and Management, or his designee;

27 (6) One member of a water utility appointed  
28 by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

29 (7) One member of a water utility appointed  
30 by the majority leader of the Senate;

31 (8) One member of a water utility appointed  
32 by the minority leader of the Senate;

33 (9) One member of an organization  
34 representing Connecticut municipalities appointed  
35 by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

36 (10) One member of an organization devoted to  
37 protecting the river resources of the state  
38 appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
39 Representatives;

40 (11) One member of an organization devoted to  
41 protecting Connecticut's natural environment  
42 appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
43 Representatives.

44 (c) All appointments to the task force shall  
45 be made no later than thirty days after the  
46 effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall  
47 be filled by the appointing authority.

48 (d) The chairmen of the joint standing  
49 committee of the General Assembly having  
50 cognizance of matters relating to the environment  
51 shall serve as co-chairmen of the task force. Such  
52 chairmen shall schedule the first meeting of the  
53 task force, which shall be held no later than  
54 sixty days after the effective date of this  
55 section.

56 (e) The administrative staff of the joint  
57 standing committee of the General Assembly having  
58 cognizance of matters relating to the environment  
59 shall serve as administrative staff of the task  
60 force.

61 (f) Not later than January 1, 1999, the task  
62 force shall submit a report on its findings and  
63 recommendations to the joint standing committee of  
64 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
65 relating to the environment, in accordance with  
66 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
67 statutes. The task force shall terminate on the  
68 date that it submits such report or January 1,  
69 1999, whichever is earlier.

70       Sec. 2.   This   act shall take effect from its  
71 passage.

72 ENV COMMITTEE VOTE: YEA 23 NAY 0   JFS

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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER sSB 237**

STATE IMPACT                      Potential    Minimal    cost,    Within  
   Resources,    see explanation below

MUNICIPAL IMPACT              None

STATE AGENCY(S)              Legislative Management, Various

**EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:**

STATE IMPACT: There is a potential minimal cost for Legislative Management due to the possibility of reimbursement for additional mileage expenses due to the establishment of a task force on water conservation. It is expected that any potential cost can be handled within the anticipated budgetary resources of Legislative Management. In addition, any increase in the workloads of the Departments of Environmental Protection, Public Health, Public Utility Control or the Office of Policy and Management due to membership on the task force is anticipated to be accomplished within the routine activities of the various agencies.

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**OLR BILL ANALYSIS**

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